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In re Application of:

Oran D. Tarlton

Serial No.: 09/369,134

Filed: August 5, 1999

For: COMPOSITE METAL-TO-METAL SEAL

HAVING A RELATIVELY SOFT METAL OVERLAY AND A RELATIVELY HARD

METAL CORE

Group Art Unit: 3626

Examiner: V. Patel

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.191, the applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Official Action dated April 23, 2001. Applicants respectfully appeal all of the rejected claims 1 to 14 and 21 to 26 in the aboveidentified application. Please find enclosed a check to cover the fee of \$310.00 for filing this Notice of Appeal. Please deduct any deficiency in the fee from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP., Deposit Account No. 01-2508, order No. 11666.0102.NPUS00.

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